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Florence Man Arrested on Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor Charges

(**COLUMBIA**, **S.C.**) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Eric Eqawn Acosta (DOB: 1995) of Florence, S.C., on three (3) charges connected to sexual exploitation of minors. The City of Florence Police Department, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest.

Investigators state that Acosta had sexual encounters with the minor victim. He contacted the victim via social media.

Acosta was arrested on May 17, 2016. He is charged with three (3) counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, (§16-3-655)(B), a felony offense punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment on each count.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.